Dear parents and carers,

This message is not one I had expected to be writing to you but given the present circumstances, has become necessary.

As I hope most of you are aware, the Department for Education has announced changes to the curriculum affecting PSHE. From September 2020, Relationship and Health Education (RSE) will become statutory and all schools will be required to comply with the updated requirements.

This means that we have been reviewing our curriculum and creating a new policy so we can be sure our new RSE provision will be appropriate for our pupils. PSHE is the ‘umbrella’ term for this area of the curriculum, which we will continue to use. Relationship and Health Education covers nearly all areas of what was considered PSHE in the past but there are a few minor areas such as financial awareness which are not becoming statutory. We will continue to cover this as part of the broad and balanced curriculum that our school has always provided.

As well as a copy of the new RSE policy, there are also a range of other documents which we hope will support your understanding of the reasons for these changes, what all pupils are expected to know by the end of their primary schooling regarding Relationship and Health Education and what other organisations have suggested: the borough of Enfield, CES (Catholic Education Service and DfE (department of Education).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-sex-and-health-education-guides-for-schools?utm_source=4e32b008-7c1e-40eb-b0ee-d3d05e10d9a7&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate>

<https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/relationship-sex-education>

**Engagement**: the documents are for you to look at and respond to, if you wish. We are allowing a period from the 13th May until 22nd June for you to respond to the documents and ask any questions.

**Ways to respond**: if you would like to share your thoughts or ask questions you can do so in the following ways:

1. Write a letter to the school office.
2. Email the school at: School@st-edmunds.enfield.sch.uk

**Please use the title ‘RSE feedback’ clearly on your letter/email.**

We are hoping that we may be able to have a follow up Q&A session, in person, at some point, but given the current situation I am unable to say at present when that might be. Whatever happens we will respond to your questions or queries via the school website.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you find the supporting documents helpful.

Miss Osborne-PSHE Lead